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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Status of the A Team - B Team Experiment in Competitive Analysis

1. Under the terms of the competitive analysis experiment, agreed to by the DCI and the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, the following steps have been completed:

- a. After completion of their first drafts, the A and B Teams met head-to-head to comment on each others drafts.
- b. The A and B Teams revised their drafts as they saw fit on the basis of these discussions.
- c. The A and B Teams again recited their particular views before a meeting of National Foreign Intelligence Board principals, prior to the principals' consideration of NIE 11-3/8-76.
- d. B Team prepared a series of comments and recommendations on the A Team estimate.

2. The steps yet to be completed are:

- a. The A Team is preparing comments on the B Team's report and recommendations.
- b. The DCI will forward all the above documents to the PFIAB and to the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs with comments of his own.
- c. The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, in consultation with the DCI and PFIAB, will convene a panel of high-level consumers to evaluate the competitive analysis experiment.



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